



REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Continuation Application, which claims the benefits of the earlier Application No. 10/012,395 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-24, and has amended claim 25.

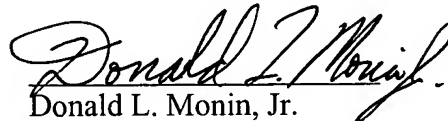
EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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